Unauthorised Cultivation of Forest and Gomal Lands.

Q.—21. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of persons who are unauthorisedly cultivating the forest and gomal lands in Kendahally village, Kasaba Hobli, Magadi Taluk, and since how long they are cultivating the same ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the local Police have filed a case against them in the Court of the First Class Magistrate, Ramanagaram ;

(*c*) whether Government have issued any stay order, not to evict the said unauthorised cultivators ?

A.—Sri M. V. KRISHNAPPA (Minister for Revenue).—

(*a*) 29 persons are cultivating the lands since 10 years unauthorisedly.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Yes.

Maistries working in the Public Works Department.

Q.—27. Sri C. R. RANGE GOWDA (Magadi).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

the action they have taken on the representation made by the Maistries working in the Public Works Department to treat them as Government Servants and that they should be paid salaries as in the case of other Government Servants ?

A.—Sri G. B. SHANKAR RAO (Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Public Works).—

Action has already been taken to provincialise several categories of posts on Work-charged Establishment in the Public Works Department (including Maistries). The revised scales of pay of several categories of provincialised posts have been announced in Government Order No. PWD 229 SPN 63, dated 21st August 1964 and the same came into effect from 1st August 1964 (copies placed on the Table of the House).

It has also been decided to absorb certain percentage of Work-charged Establishment in the posts and make them permanent for purpose of gratuity. The maximum gratuity now proposed to be given is equal to 30 months pay as against 15 months pay allowed in the case of regular staff because of the absence of Provident Fund Scheme. This method has been adopted to simplify the procedure of payment of Gratuity to the members of Work-charged Establishment on their retirement.